



**Meath County Council
Appropriate Assessment
Determination**

From: *Pat Shore*

File Reference: **P8/ MH178**

Description of Development: In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000- 2022 (Part XI) and Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2024 (Part 8), Meath County Council proposes to undertake the following development in the Townland of Townparks, Athboy, County Meath. The proposed development will consist of:

- A new playground which is accessible to pedestrians via the existing entrances and footpaths along the Fair Green in Athboy.
- 1.2m high safetop weldmesh fencing, galvanised and powder coated green, will be installed to the perimeter of the play area as shown.
- 5 no small/semi mature trees to be relocated within the park – no mature trees to be removed
- All associated site works

Location: Town Parks, Athboy, Co Meath

AA Preliminary Examination Determination:

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The screening for Appropriate Assessment was carried out by Flynn Furney and their screening determination state that “ this report represents the information for the Authority to carry out a screening for Appropriate Assessment. A recommendation that a stage II is not required is made, based on the findings of this assessment. It is for the relevant Authority to reach one of the following conclusions:

1) A stage II AA of the proposed development is required if it *cannot* be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on any European Designated Sites.

2) A stage II AA of the proposed development is not required if it *can* be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on any European Designated Sites.

It is the conclusion of this report that the proposed development would not have a significant effect on European Designated Sites, and progression to a Stage II Appropriate Assessment is not required.

Accordingly, having carried out the Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening, the competent authority may determine that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment of the proposed site investigation works is not required as it can be excluded, on the basis of objective scientific information following screening under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, that the proposed works, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on any European site.


Having regard to Flynn Furney's screening report, it is considered that Meath County Council can determine that the proposed development will not affect the integrity of any designated site.

The assessment as reported is adopted as the determination of Meath County Council



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